

Brownsville Area Economic Summary

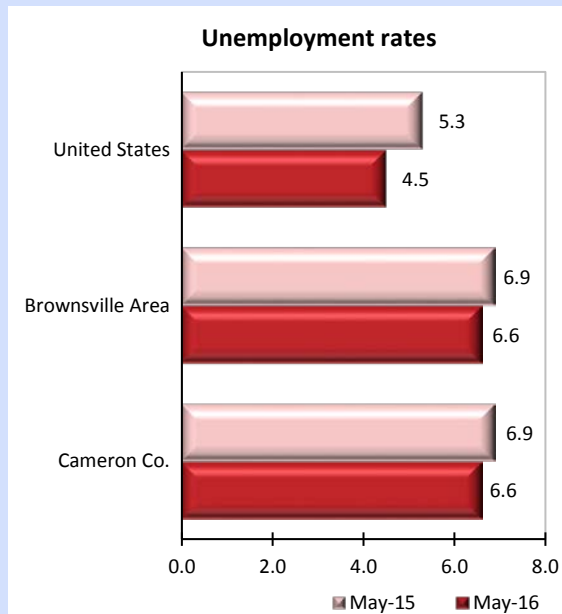


Updated June 29, 2016

www.bls.gov

This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted and some may be subject to revision. Area definitions may differ by subject. For more area summaries and geographic definitions, see www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm.

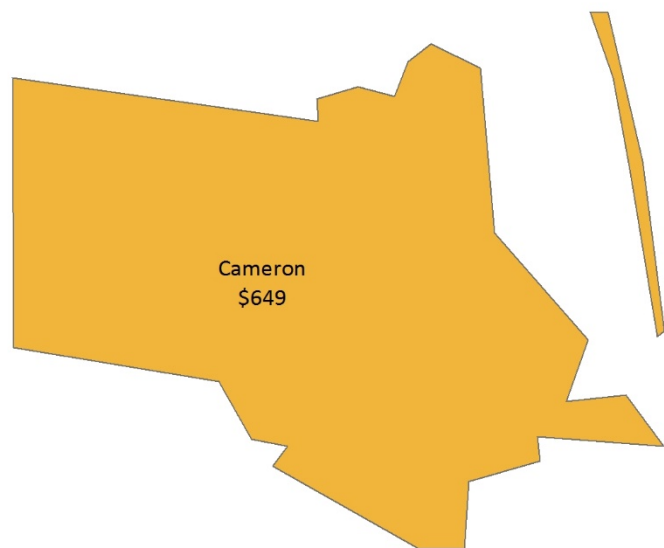
Unemployment rates for the Brownsville area, selected area counties, and the nation



Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

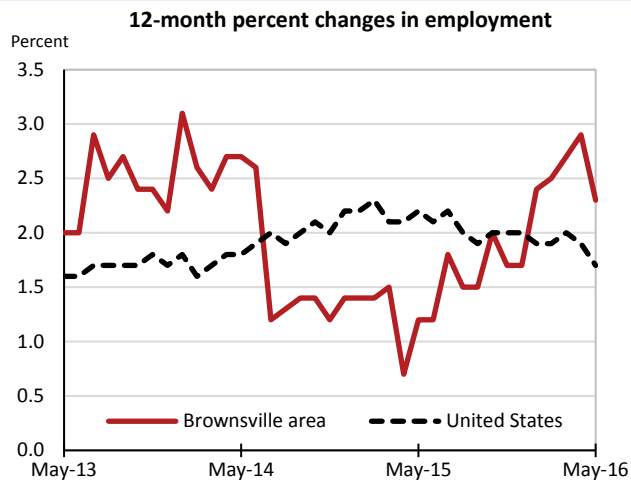
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Brownsville area, 4th quarter 2015
(U.S. = \$1,082; Area = \$649)



Source: U.S. BLS, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector

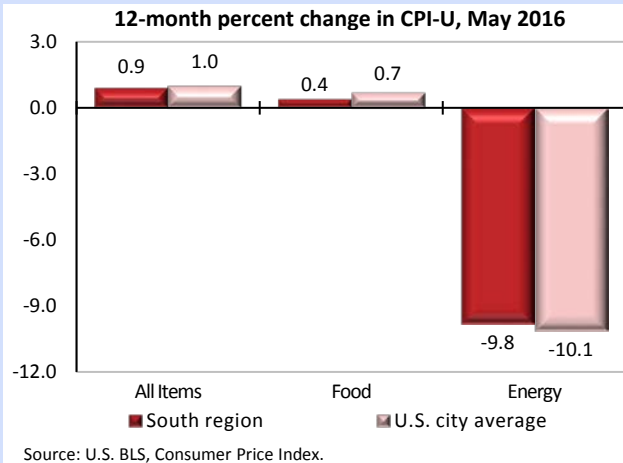


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

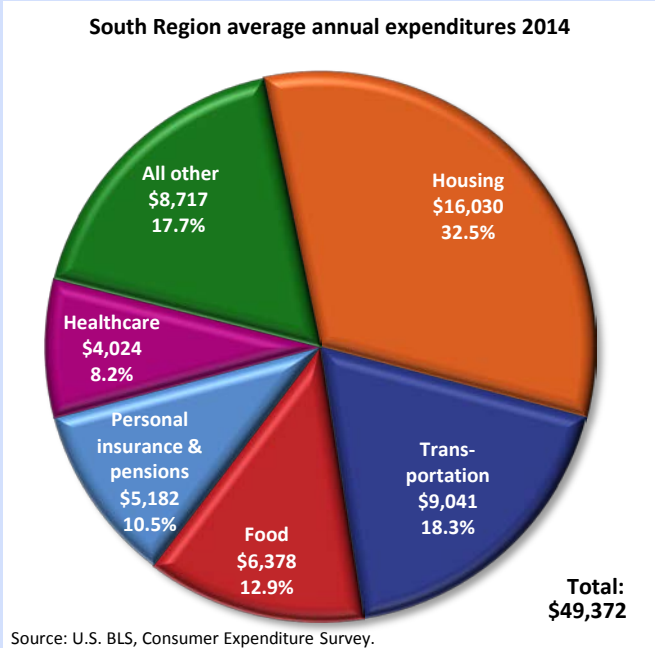
Brownsville area employment (numbers in thousands)	May 2016	Change from May 2015 to May 2016	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	143.2	3.2	2.3
Mining, logging, and construction	3.1	-0.1	-3.1
Manufacturing	6.0	0.0	0.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	26.8	0.4	1.5
Information	1.2	0.0	0.0
Financial activities	5.2	0.1	2.0
Professional and business services	12.2	1.0	8.9
Education and health services	38.0	1.3	3.5
Leisure and hospitality	15.8	0.7	4.6
Other services	3.7	-0.1	-2.6
Government	31.2	-0.1	-0.3

Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

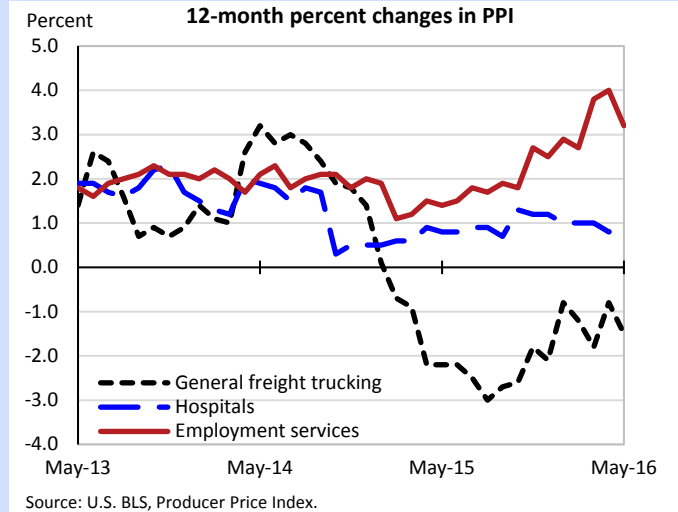
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories



Over-the-year changes in the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide



Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Brownsville area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$16.21	\$23.23
General and operations managers	45.66	57.44
Registered nurses	32.96	34.14
Accountants and auditors	28.49	36.19
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	17.29	20.43
Office clerks, general	12.40	15.33
Medical secretaries	12.14	16.50
Retail salespersons	11.58	12.67
Customer service representatives	11.16	16.62
Stock clerks and order fillers	10.86	12.47
Construction laborers	10.23	17.57
Cooks, fast food	8.72	9.43
Personal care aides	8.30	10.48

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2015.

Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, March 2016	West South Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$30.11	\$32.06
Wages and salaries	21.60	22.33
Total benefits	8.51	9.73
Paid leave	1.89	2.20
Vacation	0.95	1.14
Supplemental pay	1.19	1.16
Insurance	2.05	2.59
Retirement and savings	1.07	1.23
Legally required benefits	2.30	2.54

(1) West South Central includes AR, LA, OK, and TX.
Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

